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SUBJECT: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECT PROGRAM: CURRENT STATUS ON BOMBAY
HIGH PIPELINE PROJECT

REF: (A) NEW DELHI A-208, (B) STATE A-5401.

1. BASED ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY RECENTLY PREPARED BY
PIPELINE TECHNOLOGISTS, OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (ONGC)
IS CURENTLY FORMULATING DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS FOR PIPES
AND OTHER ESSENTIAL FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR LINKING THE OIL AND
GAS FIELDS IN THE BOMBAY HIGH AND OTHER SATELLITE STRUCTURES WITH
ONSHORE REFINING OUTIETS.

2. THE PLANS CALL FOR LAYING TWO 220KMS. SUBSEA PIPELINES,
ONE FOR CRUDE OIL (APPROX. SIZE 26 INCHES) AND ONE FOR GAS
(APPROX. SIZE 18 INCHES). ONGC MIGHT SELECT ONE OR MORE
CONTRACTORS FOR LAYING OF THE CRUDE AND GAS PIPELINES.

3. THE PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR(S) WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE
ENTRUSTED WITH THE JOB ON A TURN-KEY BASIS. ONGC WILL MAKE
INDEPENDENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF PIPES, PIPE
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COATING, TELEMETRY AND COMMUNICATIONS, ONSHORE TERMINAL
FACILITIES INCLUDING FEEDER LINES AND STABILIZATION PLANT AND
OFFSHORE PLATFORM-CUM-PUMPING STATION. WHILE MOST OF THE
EQUIPMENT/SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE
OBTAINED FROM ABROAD, PIPE COATING IS PROPOSED TO BE DONE IN INDIA
WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM A SUITABLE FOREIGN COMPANY. IN THIS

REGARD, ONGC HAS ALREADY RECEIVED OFFERS FROM THREE COMPANIES, OF WHICH ONE IS AMERICAN.

4. ONGC HAS PLANS TO ISSUE A SERIES OF TENDERS FOR ITEMS MENTIONED IN PARAS 2 AND 3. INVITATIONS FOR BIDS, WHICH WILL BE ON GLOBAL BASIS, ARE EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED BY END JANUARY 1977 AND CONTRACT AWARD DECISIONS MADE BY APRIL/MAY 1977. THE PIPE-LINE IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN OPERATION BY MAY 1978.

5. THE TOTAL INVESTMENT INVOLVED IN THESE PROJECTS IS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN DOLS 450 AND DOLS 5PP MILLION. SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS NOT DETERMINED AS YET. HOWEVER, A SENIOR ONGC OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT THE WORLD BANK MIGHT PROIDE FINANCING TO MEET PART OF THE COSTS.

6. THE OFFICIAL HAVING THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROJECT EXECUTION IS DR. GOPAL RAMASWAMY, MEMBER (OFFSHORE),

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